

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-002-E - ORDER NO. 1999-877
DECEMBER 14, 1999

IN RE: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs)
 of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.) ORDER APPROVING ✓
) TARIFF CHANGE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) for a change in the Adjustments for Fuel Costs Tariff. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865 was amended in 1996 to allow the inclusion of SO2 emission allowances in an electric utility's fuel clause. SCE&G now proposes a change in its tariff to include the SO2 emission allowances.

We would note that this change to the tariff does not constitute a rate increase or require a determination of the entire rate structure of the Company or the Company's overall rate of return. Under S.C. Ann. Section 58-27-870 (f) (Supp. 1998), the Commission may allow a tariff to be put into effect without notice and hearing under such circumstances. In addition, the tariff change, according to SCE&G will provide orderly rate administration in compliance with the current law.

The proposed tariff change is granted. SCE&G shall file ten (10) copies of the revised tariff with this Commission within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. Clearly, S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865 allows the change to include SO2 emission

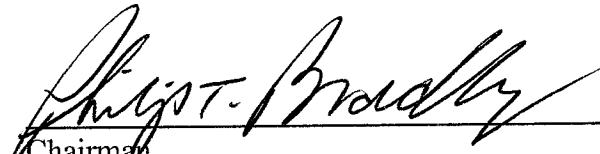
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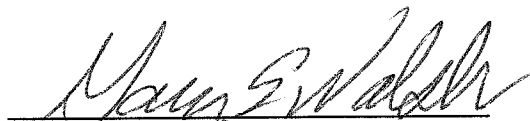
allowances in the fuel tariff. We hold that no notice or hearing is required under the provisions of S.C. Ann. Section 58-27-870(f) (Supp. 1998) to put the change in the tariff provision into effect.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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